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"(c) Two copies of the booklet entitled 'Organization of National Extension Service and Expansion of Community Development Programme" have been placed on the table of the Legislature Library."

Closure of the Mylapore Cafe, Madras.

* 286 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Mylapore Cafe, Mylapore, Madras, was closed in June 1954; and

(*b*) whether the management of the said Cafe gave due notice either to the Government or to the Labour Department or to the workers according to the Factories Act?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) The management of Mylapore Cafe, Madras, gave a month's notice to the workers on the 15th May 1954."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" Is it not a fact that the owners of the Mylapore Cafe closed the hotel to drive away the workers and then re-opened it so that they might take in casual labour on low wages and is it not a fact that there are in fact some hotels . . ."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Let not the hon. Member put a general question. Let him confine his question only to the Mylapore Cafe."

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Let me inform the hon. Member that the Government have referred the following points regarding Mylapore Cafe, for adjudication, viz. :—

(1) whether the closure of the Mylapore Cafe was justified or not;

(2) to what relief the workers are entitled.

The case is pending before the Industrial Tribunal, Madras."

Survey of forests in Malabar.

* 287 *Q.*—SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN (on behalf of Sri K. C. Gopalan Unni) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the total area of (i) private forests, and (ii) Government forests in Malabar;

(*b*) the unsurveyed area in each of the above; and

(*c*) whether Government have any proposal to survey the unsurveyed area?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) (i) 1,252 square miles.

(ii) 536 square miles.

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" (b) The Government forests in Malabar district have been surveyed and mapped by the Survey of India Department. There is no information whether individual private forests have been surveyed or not.

" (c) No, Sir."

Prosecution of ryots for Punam cultivation in Malabar.

* 288 Q.—Sri K. MADHAVAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state the number of criminal cases filed against the ryots in Malabar in 1953 and 1954 for Punam cultivation in the areas coming under private forests?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" One hundred and one persons were prosecuted in 1953 and 76 in 1954."

Sri K. MADHAVAN NAMBIAR :—" In view of the fact that these persons have been cultivating these Punam areas from a very long time past, will the Government enquire into the whole issue? "

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" From one of the reports received by Government from the Collector, I can inform the hon. Member that 3,000 rupees worth of land belonging to the Kottayur Devasthanam in Kottayam taluk were laid waste at a stretch in 1953–54 by trespassers and prosecution had, therefore, to be launched to stop the wanton violation of the Act."

Tripartite Committee to enquire into the condition of the tile industry.

* 289 Q.—Sri K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state whether the Government have any proposal to appoint a Tripartite Committee to go into the conditions of the tile industry and tile workers in the West Coast?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" No, Sir."

Sri K. P. GOPALAN :—" In view of the fact that the workers are getting very low pay and the industry itself is in need of improvement, will the Government consider the question of appointing a Tripartite Committee? "

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The Industrial Tribunal has already given an award relating to the wages and, therefore, Government do not think it worthwhile appointing a Tripartite Committee to make any recommendation."

Mr. SPEAKER :—" It appears Mr. K. P. Gopalan has given notice of a short-notice question and the Hon. Minister is prepared to answer it. Let the Hon. Minister read both the question and the answer."